

ABSTRACT

G-IIB-253

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(208)
Strawn (formerly Oakton), Maryland/Pennsylvania
Public/private

1767 (mound)

Milestone No. ---(208), at the edge of the small settlement of Strawn (formerly Oakton), was only a "small mound of stones" at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, though on the Line and believed one of the original Mason and Dixon cairns of 1767. This mound was apparently found at the time of the 1950/^{field}inspection of markers along this boundary; but ^{could be}not/reliably identified at the time of the 1981/^{field}inspection. Further documentation and evaluation will need to await a resurvey of the area by a civil engineer.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
 HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 208)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the south side of US 40 (National Pike)

CITY, TOWN

(formerly ^{Strawn} Oakton) --- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 12

STATE

Maryland/Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Garrett / PA: Somerset

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (mound only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Garrett County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

G-IIB-253 entered 9/4/81

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

NOTE: until this site is resurveyed by a civil engineer, and various points on several maps reconciled, No. ---(208) cannot be adequately documented. The loosely strewn, most probable mound of stones found in this area, is a dubious "small mound of stones" (as described in the 1900-03 Resurvey, MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 99). No monument was set here in 1902 during the Resurvey and no site shown on their Plate LXIX, though shown on the quadrangle. The mound of stones shown in the enclosed photo ^{is large, and} measured roughly 15 feet in diameter (though not really round) and about 3 feet high, so irregularly piled, it looked more like a tossing of stones in order to clear land.

The area here is along a ^{densely wooded} southern foothill of part of Winding Ridge, downhill and in back of the scattered buildings and houses in the settlement of Strawn (formerly Oakton), MD/PA. The site is within Election District 5 of Garrett County, MD, and Addison Township of Somerset County, PA; at a point about 200 feet south of US 40 (National Pike) and about 1150 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(207). The mound photographed is at the south edge of the scraggly open stretch of pipeline/utility lane, on the north edge of a dense deciduous woods and old ^{east-west} wire fence. It cannot be seen from the road, but can be easily from the pipeline, along with other similar ^{loose} piles of stone.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1767(mound, unmonumented) ~~BOUNDARY SURVEYING~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this ^{unmonumented} "small mound of stones" cannot be evaluated until the mound is reliably located. At the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey it was found to be on Mason and Dixon's West Line, and if still there would be significant as one of some 248 markers visually defining their West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was originally surveyed and marked with cairns and additional wood posts in 1767. Since this mound was found so close to the preceding monument, No. ---(207), "and another on the summit of the ridge, only 12 chains farther west, it seemed unnecessary ^(for the Resurvey) to put one in this mound..."

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Accident (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series
(topographic), 1948 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 64537, northing 439802

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Garrett

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Somerset

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

9/6/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKERS: MILESTONE

ACCIDENT QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES



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TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOGIC SURVEY

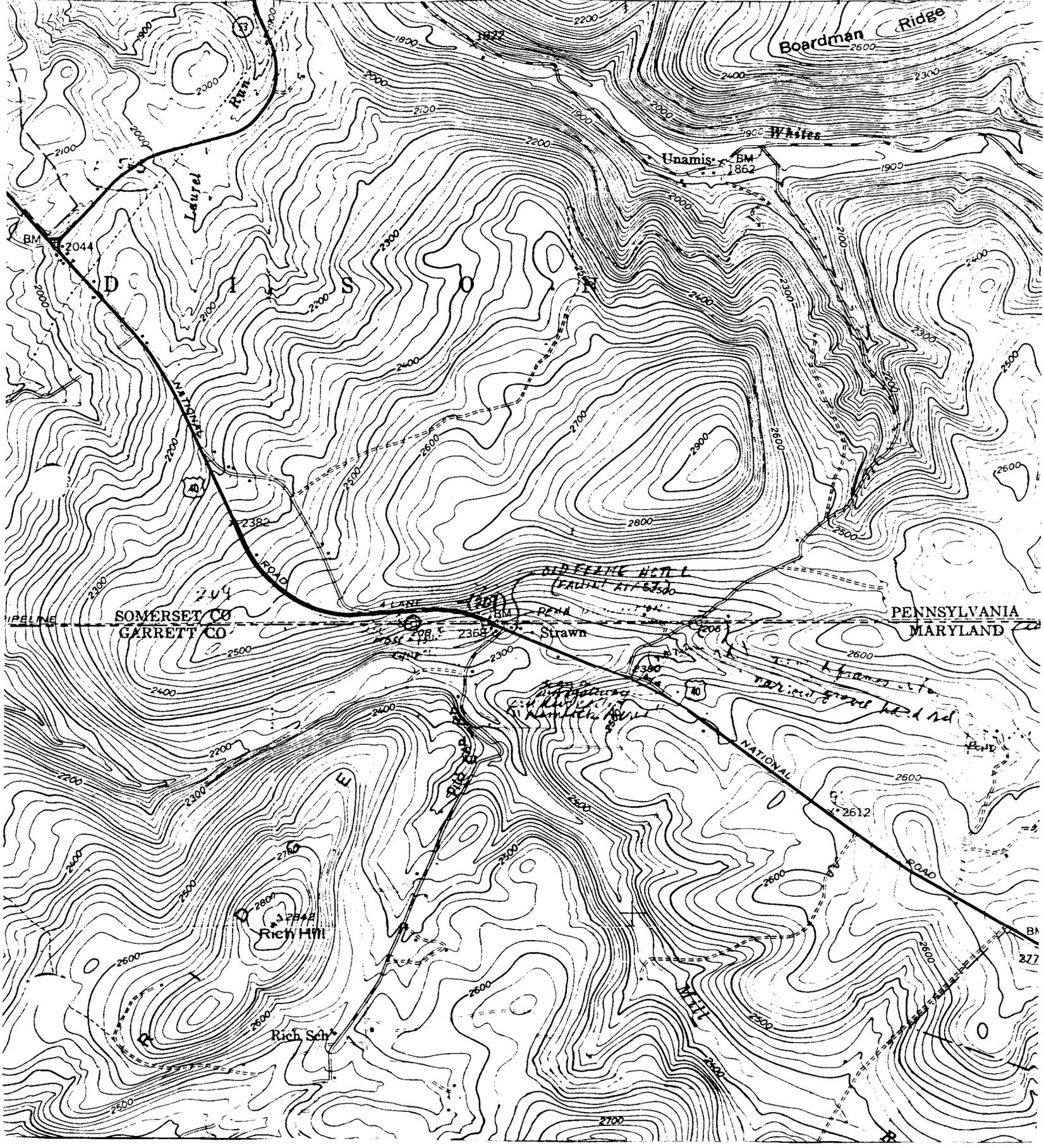
1948 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

LISBURN 0.2 MI. SWERSET 3 MI. (PARENS)

646 17'30"

647

160 000 FEET (M.D)



A black and white photograph showing a rocky area with dense, tangled vegetation. The scene is filled with various types of plants, including what appears to be a large, broad-leafed plant in the foreground and many thin, woody stems and branches. The ground is covered with rocks and debris. A small, dark rectangular marker with the number '(206)' is placed on the ground, partially obscured by the plants. The lighting is bright, creating high contrast between the dark shadows of the foliage and the lighter areas where the sun hits.

(206)

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A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR

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MED WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (208)
A SMALL MOUND OF STONES

VIEW NE: OF MOUND OF STONES, &
LOOKING TOWARD NEW HOUSE,
(WITHIN SIGHT, UPPER RIGHT CORNER)
& (OUT OF SIGHT) NATIONAL PIKE

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/6/81 (1981.31.4)